

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 30, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. POLK made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 216.]

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of George M. Weston, the Commissioner of the State of Maine, have had the subject under consideration and now report :

That by the 5th article of treaty of Washington, concluded the 9th day of August, A. D. 1842, between the United of America and her Britannic Majesty, it was covenanted by the United States to pay and satisfy the State of Maine for all claims for expenses incurred by her in protecting the thereupon disputed territory on the northeastern boundary of the United States. That in the year 1839, upon the sudden emergency of the Aroostook war, for the purpose of raising the means of protecting said disputed territory, the State of Maine issued and sold her six per cent. stocks to the amount of about eight hundred thousand dollars, at a discount below their nominal value. Also, that in order to raise additional amounts of cash, she exchanged six per cent. stocks for five per cent. to the holders of such five per cents. Under the act of Congress of the 3d of March, 1851, the United States has paid back to Maine the actual amount of money she realized by such sale and exchange of stocks, and also interest thereon at the rate of six per cent. per annum. Under said act Maine claimed not only the amount so paid to her by the United States, but also the amount of discount and loss, with interest thereon, which she was compelled to incur by the aforesaid sale. On the 10th of April, 1852, the treasury decided to pay as is stated above, refusing the claim for losses in the sale and exchange of her stocks. The agent of Maine at once applied to Congress for further relief, and the Senate decided in her favor, in August, 1852. But having failed to obtain the relief sought, owing to the fact that action by the House was not had on her claim, she now presses her claim before Congress.

Your committee think that the losses so incurred by Maine, in the sale and exchange of her stock, for the purpose of raising money to defend the disputed territory, as aforesaid, together with interest on

the same, is as much a part of the expenses incurred by her, in the sense of the treaty of Washington, as the amount already refunded to her by the United States, and ought, accordingly, to be paid and satisfied to her. They therefore beg leave to report a bill for that purpose.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 30, 1852 — Read twice and passed.

Mr. Foss made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 236.]

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of George M. Weston, the Commissioner of the State of Maine, have had the subject under consideration and now report:

That by the 6th article of treaty of Washington, concluded the 24th day of August, A. D. 1842, between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, it was covenanted by the United States to pay and satisfy the State of Maine for all claims for expenses incurred by her in protecting the thenupon disputed territory on the northeastern boundary of the United States. That in the year 1839, upon the sudden emergency of the Aroostook war, for the purpose of raising the means of protecting said disputed territory, the State of Maine issued and sold her six per cent. stocks to the amount of about eight hundred thousand dollars at a discount below their nominal value. Also, that in order to raise additional amounts of cash, she exchanged six per cent. stocks for five per cent. to the holders of such five per cent. Under the act of Congress of the 24 of March, 1851, the United States has paid back to Maine the actual amount of money she realized by such sale and exchange of stocks, and also interest thereon at the rate of six per cent. per annum. Under said act Maine claimed not only the amount so paid to her by the United States, but also the amount of discount and loss, with interest thereon, which she was compelled to incur by the aforesaid sale. On the 10th of April, 1852, the treasury decided to pay as is stated above, refusing the claim for losses in the sale and exchange of her stocks. The agent of Maine at once applied to Congress for further relief, and the Senate decided in her favor, in August, 1852. But having failed to obtain the relief sought, owing to the fact that action by the House was not had on her claim, she now prays her claim before Congress.

Your committee think that the losses so incurred by Maine, in the sale and exchange of her stock, for the purpose of raising money to defend the disputed territory, as aforesaid, together with interest on